

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
AASU Leadership Conference reception, April 11, 2008

- Congratulations:
  - African American Students Union's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - AASU Leadership Conference celebrating 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Was a GT student when the campus was integrated. Have gone from 3 black students on that occasion to more than 1,200 today.
  - Proud that GT became national leader in graduating minorities during my presidency. Resulted from the efforts of many.
  - AASU played very important role. Glad to have this opportunity to thank you.
- This is a time of incredible opportunity for minorities who have a technological education:
  - Science and technology workforce is largely comprised of white males. In today's global economy, companies are hungry for diversity in their technological talent.
  - As technology becomes ever more predominant in all aspects of life, society is looking for leaders who understand how it works and how to use it constructively.
  - We need the representation and participation of black young people in the positions of leadership that are increasingly opening for those with a technological education.
- You are tomorrow's leaders
  - Need to prepare for incredible opportunities that lie ahead.
  - Important to develop your leadership skills.
- Challenging time for a technological university:
  - Technical information doubles every 2 years; its shelf life is growing ever shorter.
  - We are educating students for jobs and technologies that do not yet exist.
  - Their task will be to solve problems that we do not yet even recognize as problems.
- GT alumni tell us the true value of their education is skills and traits rather than information:
  - Discipline, organization, perseverance.
  - Ability to think creatively about open-ended questions, solve open-ended problems.
  - Citizens of the world, at home with diversity.
  - Prepared for leadership – not leadership that seeks personal power, wealth, or fame, but servant leadership that tackles worthy causes that are bigger than themselves and makes a difference.
- Events like this one and people like all of you reassure me that the future of Georgia Tech is in good hands as I prepare to move on to the next chapter in my own life.